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TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Case No. 659/1483 (14,747)
Serial No. 09/474,634	Filing Date December 29, 1999	Examiner Pratt	Group Art Unit 1771	
Inventor(s) Tsai				
Title of Invention BIODEGRADABLE THERMOPLASTIC NONWOVEN WEBS FOR FLUID MANAGEMENT				

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a (1) Response; (2) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)) (in duplicate) with \$950 check; (3) Notice of Appeal From The Examiner To The Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences (in duplicate) with \$330 check; (4) PTO Transmittal letter (in duplicate).

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a three month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	29	Minus	30	0	x \$9 =		x \$18 =	0
Indep.	2	Minus	3	0	x 43 =		x \$86 =	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$145 =		+ \$290 =	
					Total add'l fee	\$	Total add'l fee	\$ 0

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- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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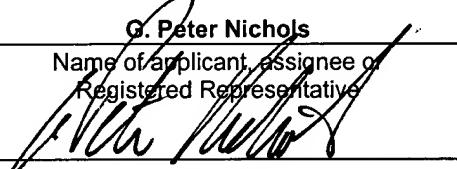
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tsai)
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Filing Date: December 29, 1999) Examiner Pratt
For BIODEGRADABLE) Group Art Unit No. 1771
THERMOPLASTIC NONWOVEN)
WEBS FOR FLUID MANAGEMENT)

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated April 9, 2003 for a period of three months to and including October 9, 2003.

Applicant:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

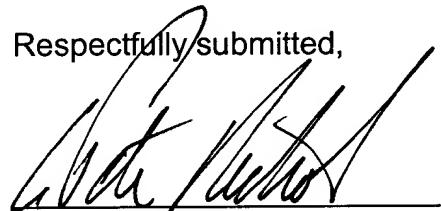
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<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$110.00
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- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Dated: October 9, 2003

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